

Yorkshire West-Riding Yeomanry Cavalry.

WP. 21 g. 24/57

Measures Recommended by

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE,

AT THEIR ADJOURNED MEETING,

Held at the Red Lion, in Pontefract, on Wednesday the 18th and, by Adjournment, on Thursday 19 Days of June 1794.

To the SUB-COMMITTEE for the WAPONTAKE of CLARO.

As advisable to be adopted, in order to facilitate the Enrolment.

I. IN order to satisfy the minds of those who may be desirous of coming forward, but who withhold their enrolment until they are informed under what officers they are, in all probability, to serve: the sub-committee, therefore, are requested to propose to the general committee, such gentlemen of the district, who, having enrolled their names for service, may be considered fit persons to be officers of the district-troop. Such officers to consist of one captain, one lieutenant, one cornet, to a troop. And the general committee will, in their turn, forward such recommendation as far as the powers of such general committee will extend.

II. THAT the yeomanry may be convinced the service is intended to be as little inconvenient as possible, and that no volunteer will be called to exercise to so great a distance from his place of abode, as that by his attendance on such exercise he shall be obliged to sleep out of his own bed, or even be absent from his home more than a few hours—it is recommended, that such district officers, so proposed as above-mentioned, be desired to fix upon one town or place the most central within the wapontake, for the general muster of the troop. Such place of general muster being for the purpose of assembling on an emergency, and of likewise exercising the whole troop united, in order that the troop may be taught to act in a body:—but such general muster for exercise, not to be oftener than once a month, without the consent of the troop. And with a view to accommodate volunteers, as to the weekly exercise, that they be further desired to fix other convenient places within smaller circles of the wapontake, to which the volunteers of the neighbourhood may resort for weekly exercise; which places shall be looked upon as stations to which notice may be sent, when any emergency requires a speedy or other general muster of the whole troop, as above fixed,

III. THAT this sub-committee be requested to explain at their meetings, that if any person proper to serve, according to the description in the articles of enrolment, is desirous of enrolling his name as a volunteer, but is unprovided with a horse, any person, though not able to serve personally himself, may furnish such volunteer with an horse, to be used by him for the service only, this being perfectly consistent with the true sense and meaning of the plan proposed.

IV. THAT the sub-committee do appoint from among their own body a permanent committee to consist of three persons; whose object shall be, to promote the service as much as possible; and, either by themselves or other persons of their appointing, to explain the true nature and meaning of such service to the yeomanry of the wapontake, in order to take off the effect of any wrong impressions, which might tend to prejudice the enrolment, and also to carry into execution the general measures of the sub-committee, by which they are deputed, and generally to have the superintendence and care of carrying this plan for raising yeomanry cavalry within the wapontake into effect; the said permanent committee from time to time reporting progress to the sub-committee at their meetings.

V. THAT the sub-committee, and more especially the permanent committee, be desired to address themselves to gentlemen of the wapontake, friends to the measures, to engage them to exert themselves in forwarding the enrolment, either by the example of offering themselves for personal service, or by furnishing horses to volunteers, or by such other means as they may judge best.

VI. The uniform being determined upon, will be provided as soon as possible, for as many volunteers as have already entered, and such volunteers are to be requested to appear in such uniforms on Sundays and public occasions; and the commanding officer of the district troop is desired to give notice to Mr. Rhodes of York (who has contracted with this committee for the making of the uniform coat and waistcoat) on what day he will muster the volunteers, when Mr. Rhodes will then attend for the purpose of measuring each individual, and deliver the uniforms when made, to the commanding officer, who will give receipts for the same to Mr. Rhodes, and distribute to each volunteer his uniform. Notice will be given relative to the providing the other parts of the uniform hereafter; and it is expected that both officers and men do receive their uniforms at the expence of the riding subscription.

VII. THAT the sub-committee (if necessary) be requested to appoint their own sub-committee clerk, who shall make all proper returns of proceedings, &c, to the secretary of the general committee, who will lay the same before such general committee.

VIII. For the receiving further subscriptions and enrolments, the sub-committee are desired to deposite the Subscription-book and roll for the wapontake with the sub-committee clerk, or such other person as may be thought proper, and to advertise where, and for what purpose, they are so deposited; and such clerk or other person is desired to make, from time to time, returns of enrolment and subscriptions to the secretary of the general committee.

WENTWORTH FITZWILLIAM, CHAIRMAN.

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